

**From:** Chris Roveto  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 12/13/01 4:29pm  
**Subject:** MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

Finally this thing is coming to an end!

New Mexico dropped its case against Microsoft. I applauded our Democrat A.G. for that stroke of good sense although it came a bit late.

I wish MY government had spent the time, effort and MONEY going after Bin Laden, killer of thousands as fervently as it went after Microsoft, creator of thousands of jobs.

It should be obvious by now, this case and Greenspan's incessant rate hikes in 1999 caused the stock market debacle that has plagued the country for the past 2 years.

American dreams of an early, fulfilling retirement (as well as a large percentage of most state pension funds) vanished before our eyes. The budget surpluses greedily eyed by politicians will likewise vanish as those capital gains turn to capital losses, all tax deductible.

When the government undertakes a project with this much downside it must have a good reason, right?

Whining netscape browser users and misguided mac heads do not seem a good enough reason to me.

There are several choices of operating systems available to anyone who wants to pick up a mouse and install them on their system. For those not sophisticated enough, it doesn't matter they don't care what operating system they use. they just want good software choices. multiple operating systems mean less software choices. Remember when VHS tapes became the standard, beating out Beta, movie availability soared as all resources could be channeled into one format. This analogy applies in this situation as well as has become obvious to many.

Hopefully, now the government can start to go after REAL monopolies - like the public school system.

Chris Roveto